IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Martin Roland JENSEN et al.

Serial No.: New

21011

Filed:

Herewith

For:

MODIFIED TNF α MOLECULES, DNA ENCODING SUCH AND VACCINES COMPRISING SUCH MODIFIED TNF α AND DNA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

```
Claim 5, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 6, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 7, line 1, delete "c/aims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 8, line 1, delete "#claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 9, line 1, delete %claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 10, lines 1-2, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 11, lines 1-2, del/ete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 12, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 13, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 14, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 15, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 16, line 1, delete "claims 1-4", insert --claim 1--;
Claim 17, lines 1-2,/delete "any of claims 1-11,
     insert -- claim 1--;
Claim 19, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1-18",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 20, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1-18",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 25, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1-18",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 26, lines 1-2, delete "any of claims 1-18",
     insert --claim 1--;
```

Claim 27, line 3, delete "any of claims 1-18",
 insert --claim 1--;

Claim 29, line 3, delete "any one of claims 1-18",
 insert --claim 1--;

Claim 30, line 4, delete "according to any of claims 1-18";

Claim 32, line 1, delete "any one of claims 27-31",
 insert --claim 27--;

Claim 33, line 2, delete "any one of claims 27-32",
 insert --claim 27--;

Claim 35, lines 3-4, delete "any one of claims 1-18",
 insert --claim 1--;

Claim 37, line 1, delete "or 36";

Claim 38, lines 5-6, delete "claim 1-18", insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON, PRICE, HOLMAN & STERN, PLLC

By

D. Douglas Price

D. Douglas Price Reg. No. 24,514

400 Seventh Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004-2201 (202) 638-6666

Atty. Docket: P60953US1 Date: April 15, 1998 DDP:jrc